## Council on Developmental Services Dental Agenda Presented by Izabella Pulvermacher November 12, 2009

## **Inside DDS:**

- **Resource** for consumers, parents, caretakers, case managers, and nurses. Every phone call is answered and e-mail returned in a timely fashion.
- Care coordination: Help arrange for pre-op appointments. Accompany consumers to difficult appointments/consultations.
- Collaboration with Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA)
- **Dental Waivers** were rescinded for consumers who are edentulous (having no teeth). Oral exams will be done by dental providers.
- **DDS Dental News** has been established with regular publications

## **Professional Relationships:**

- 1. University of Connecticut Health Center: dental program
- 2. St. Francis dental program
- 3. Department of Public Health (DPH): Elderly Task Force & Home by One Programs
- 4. Department of Social Services and Connecticut Dental Health Partnership
- 5. Dental Hygiene Association
- 6. Special Care Dentistry Association
- 7. Connecticut Oral Health Initiative (COHI)
- 8. Hill Health Corporation

## **Community Collaborations:**

- 1. Connecticut Mission of Mercy & Special Olympics
- 2. Special Olympics Field Day
- 3. Briarwood Dental Hygiene program & Southbury Training School
- 4. Bridgeport Fones School of Dental Hygiene & Varca Inc. (Valley Association for Retarded Children & Adults)

<u>Educational Opportunities</u>: Goal- to educate future dental professionals in delivery of dental care to individuals with intellectual disabilities:

- 1. Lecture to 4<sup>th</sup> year dental students at UConn
- 2. Mentoring Briarwood dental hygiene students
- 3. Presentation to dental hygienists as part of their continuing education
- 4. Introductory lecture to UConn nursing students as part of their educational experience in the department

**Dental Insurance: Discussion** 

**Comments or Suggestions from the Council:**